

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as indicated above, prior to its examination on the merits. Original claims 3, 23, and 24 were canceled in a previous preliminary amendment. The new amendments cancel the remaining pending claims (i.e., claims 1, 2, 4-22, and 25-40), without prejudice, and add new claims 41-73. The amendments are fully supported by the application, as filed. Please contact James Abney or Stan Hollenberg, both listed on the Power of Attorney and available at 503-224-6655, with any questions regarding this communication or the application.

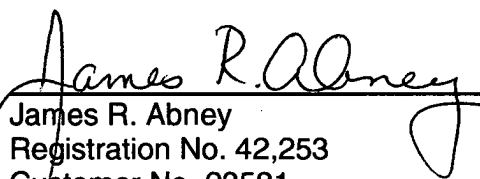
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